

Theology Intensive

Doctrine of the church

What is the church and what is her mission?

BIG IDEA

The church proclaims/declares, portrays/demonstrates, protects/defends the glory of the Gospel.

MAIN SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

"...I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth." 1 Timothy 3.14-15

ASSIGNMENTS

Required Reading – To Be Completed **BEFORE** Class

- Wayne Grudem, chapter 26 "The Nature of the Church" in *Bible Doctrine*. (12 pages)
- Wayne Grudem, chapter 27 "Baptism" in *Bible Doctrine*. (10 pages)
- Wayne Grudem, chapter 28 "The Lord's Supper" in *Bible Doctrine*. (8 pages)
- Mark Dever, *The Display of Gods Glory*. (68 pages)
- Jonathon Leeman, "A Church Discipline Primer." (8 pages)
- Bruce Milne, chapter 4 "Love: the heart of the matter" in *We Belong Together*. (10 pages)
- Mark Dever, "The Great Commission and Church Planting" sermon (60 minutes)

Required Response – To Be Completed **AFTER** Class

- 1,000-word document that describes the difference between a para-church entity and a true church.
- 500-word response to interviewing three members of Restoration Church who have been active in their membership for over two years as to how their joy has been served during their time here.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES (Optional for Personal Growth)

Reading Suggestions

- John Hammett, *Biblical Foundations for Baptist Churches*
- Jonathan Leeman, *The Church and the Surprising Offense of God's Love*
- Tim Chester & Steve Timmis, *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and community*
- Joshua Harris, *Stop Dating the Church: Fall in love with the family of God*

Suggested Systematic Theology Textbooks

- Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*
- Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*
- Daniel Akin, *A Theology for the Church*